

RIVER NEWS NOTES

BEAUTIFUL INDIAN RIVER

Indian river, sportmen's pride,
Parallels Atlantic's brine,
Pulsing with each throbbing tide,
On which we cruise with gun and line.
Eccentric stream, whose winding way
Divergent as the compass' face,
There which the yachts and launches play
Offtimes like shuttles race.

The porpoise, sword fish and the shark
Play havoc 'mongst their lesser kin
They prove alas! an easy mark
As they are gobbled in.

Reef sponges 'mongst the coral beds
In great profusion here abide
Grow like our monster cabbage heads,
That show at ebb of tide.

The ocean but a stone away
Loud murmurs to assert her pow'r,
As towering rain clouds seem to say,
'The earth must have a shower.'

O'er marshy land deploys this stream
So quiet tho' 'twere fast asleep.
The water fowls disport and dream
While others vigils keep.

Here waters broaden out for miles
That form at once a vast lagoon
Begemmed with countless verdant isles
Wave palms to the tropic moon.

The air awash from fowls awing
Brants, pelicans and cranes,
Ospreys, petrels, shadows fling
Like feathered aeroplanes.

So also th' ducklings' paradise
Unmindful of the hunter's gun
So vast the flocks when they arise
Quite oft' obscure the sun.

Within this basin fish abound
To cheer another Walton's heart
Tarpon, bass and trout are found
That test his finished art.

Thus nature in her happy way
Shows judgment in her every plan
That all should feel from day to day
Her benefit to man.

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JOE S. REED.
—Sullivan, Ind., Times.

COCOA

Mrs. O. K. Key returned Tuesday from a visit to her parents in Jacksonville.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Powell, who have cruised to Miami and back, are visiting with their brother, Dr. Scofield.

The dead hickory tree that has been a menace on the public road of the Fairview Land Co. was removed this week.

Mrs. T. Crawford, of Palm Beach, who has been ill at the Cocoa House, was taken to St. Augustine, her husband accompanying her.

The Constitution, which has been making regular trips from Daytona to Palm Beach, is well patronized from this section. It makes a very pleasant journey.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Burrows, of Philadelphia, who have spent the winter at Rockledge, left on Tuesday for a tour of the state. Mr. Burrows sold his trim little launch, but will bring a larger one south next fall.

The K. M. I. junior baseball team came up to Cocoa in their launch and played an interesting game of ball on Saturday afternoon with our junior team. The score was 2 to 1 in favor of the K. M. I. Cocoa turned out in force to see the game.

Mr. R. B. Burchfiel, who was county surveyor here 20 years ago, left on Monday for his home in Anthony, Kansas. The work Mr. Burchfiel did here will stand as a mark of his ability. Mrs. Burchfiel, two sons and daughter will remain here until the weather is warmer in the north.

Married, March 14, 1909, Mrs. Bessie Williams to Rev. C. D. Cole, both winter residents from North Carolina. The Rev. C. Catterall, who is spending the winter at Indianola, performed the ceremony after the usual evening service in the Methodist church.

It was a very pretty wedding, the church being decorated for the occasion, Miss Pearl Bradford and Mr. B. Stradley standing with the bridal couple. Mr. and Mrs. Cole left on the midnight train for North Carolina. Mrs. Williams is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Stradley, who have been residents of Cocoa for some time.

This is the most dangerous time of the year to catch cold, and it is the hardest time to cure it. If you should take a cold, a few doses of Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup will act very promptly. Its laxative principle cures the cold by driving it from the system by a gentle but natural action of the bowels. Children especially like Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup, as it tastes so good, nearly like maple sugar. It is sold by Banner Drug Store.

TO IMPROVE ST. LUCIE INLET

Plans Under Way for Construction of a Large Dredge to Do the Work

Plans are under way at Fort Pierce towards the construction of a large dredge for the purpose of making the St. Lucie inlet easily navigable at all times for pleasure and fishing launches. A stock company is in process of formation, the first steps being taken last week when a meeting of a few of those interested was held in the office of R. Whyte. There were present Messrs. R. Whyte, A. M. Sample, R. R. Gladwin, of Ft. Pierce, Messrs. Bailey and Bennell, of Walton, and Mr. Gammeter, of St. Lucie. The project was talked over informally and another meeting is to be called in a few days, when articles of incorporation will be drawn up and stock issued at \$10 a share.

The object of the company is not to make the dredge a money-making scheme, but to provide a means of making a channel that boats may have an easy way to and from the ocean. A proposition was made by Mr. McNichol, of the St. Lucie club, that as soon as the articles of incorporation were submitted to him and they proved satisfactory, the club would contribute \$500, which is nearly half of the proposed cost. A number of merchants and private parties have signified their intention of subscribing to the stock and the success of the venture seems assured.

GEORGIANA

E. V. Hall and family spent Sunday in Rockledge.

Mrs. Martin has been quite sick the past week.

Miss May Wittfeld visited in Cocoa last Thursday.

Mrs. Lily Carter Sims spent Tuesday with her parents.

Miss May Allen returned last week from Chicago where she has been for the past year.

Brady Bower was calling on old friends last Sunday. Brady is welcome everywhere.

Walter Linderbury and sister, Mrs. Lou Walker, came up from Lotus to attend service Sunday night.

There was a dance at the home of Mr. O. Chandler Saturday night and a number from out of town were present.

Mrs. Isabel Plumb returned to Daytona on Thursday after a week's visit at the Munson home. Mrs. Plumb hopes to spend next winter with her old friends at Georgiana.

Mr. Clement and family and Mr. Ezra Simmons and family made a trip to Eau Gallie with the Simmons' houseboat last Tuesday. They had a rough passage, but a good time nevertheless.

Dr. Hawk gave us a night service Sunday. He held a steward's meeting at the home of F. W. Munson on Monday morning and arrangements were made for more services per month in future.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Clement and son, Waldo, Jr., took a party of Georgians to Micco last Friday. They visited the school, enjoyed the exercises very much and carried off the little schoolmarm for a visit at home over Sunday.

R. B. Burchfiel left Monday for his home in Anthony, Kansas, but will spend some time in Knoxville and Chattanooga. His many friends all up and down the river have enjoyed his visit very much and were sorry to see him go. Mrs. B. and children will remain a few weeks longer.

A beach party was gotten up for St. Patrick's day in honor of Mrs. Isabel Plumb, of Chicago. Miss Bell Bond provided the company with dainty shamrock and ribbon badges. Dinner was eaten at the Bluff cottage and a happy day was spent on Oceanus beach. Mrs. Plumb, Mrs. R. B. Burchfiel, Francis, Bruner and Hugh Burchfiel, Mrs. Cass Allen, Franklin, Esther, Dot and Boy Allen, Mr. L. A. Peck, Mrs. F. W. Munson, Mrs. A. B. Carter, Mr. Bromly, Miss Bell Bond, Lucia Wadsworth and Ned Bond made up the party. George Carter was captain and took them over in his father's launch.

ANOTHER STATE DREDGE

With Wonderful Capacity Will Eat Way Into the Everglades

The fine large dredge, recently completed for the state at Tampa, and which will be known as the Caloosahatchee, has been made ready, and was towed up the Caloosahatchee Monday. The Thomas A. Edison, of the Menbe Bros. Steamboat Line, has been secured to tow the monster dredge as far up the river as Denaud.

The Caloosahatchee is the largest dredge the state has, and is a powerful machine. She is 40 feet wide by 100 feet long, and draws something like 3½ feet of water. She has a wonderful capacity, and will not be long eating her way into the Everglades. She will be towed up to Lake Okechobee and from there begin her work of digging a canal to meet the boat coming from Fort Lauderdale on the East Coast. This will certainly be a herculean task, but it is no longer an experiment, but has been shown to be a feasible scheme, and one that will reclaim thousands of acres of land when completed.

This work was started by ex-Governor N. B. Broward when he first went into office, and will undoubtedly prove a grand scheme. As fast as the lands are reclaimed they will be thrown open to settlers, and there is no doubt but that it will be a matter of but a few years when the Okechobee and Caloosahatchee countries will be the mecca for settlers. The lands are the most fertile, and will produce anything grown in Florida.

Latest Wrinkle in Baseball

And now comes the Salome twist. The latest wrinkle in the bender life is said to be the creation of Billy Campbell, the southpaw twirler of the Cincinnati Reds. Campbell practiced the curve last fall but said nothing about it until the team went to Cuba. Then he surprised his teammates by springing it. The Salome is an underhand "spitter," delivered with the left hand.

Bunny Pearce, who caught Campbell when the latter introduced the twist, says that it is the hardest ball to hit he ever saw.

"Talk about your wild and woolly twists, this stunt of Campbell's has them all beaten a block," says Bunny. "It comes up to the plate in a business-like manner, so easy that the batter gets ready to knock it a dozen miles off. He swats away like a good fellow, but he generally hits where the ball isn't, for the sphere performs a sort of Salome dance just before reaching the plate and twists out of reach of the bat so easily that the batter gasps."

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